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Dear Chairman Powell,

Keep television for the public, not for Hollywood. Hollywood, and the studios, already control most of the movie making and viewing possibilities that are out there. They have tried before to control everything even more - from trying to refuse to release their movies in color on TV in the 50's, to trying to block VHS releases of their movies. They always cave in when it is apparent that the public will not stand for it. We do not need MORE control of our viewing opportunities, we need LESS. We are not children, who must be shepherded around and sheltered - we are adults, who should enjoy all that there is out there, and who should police ourselves.

Let the consumer decide what they want - not Hollywood. If Hollywood is not willing to come to the table, then I say let the capitalist free enterprise system work, and we will soon have a plethora of options.

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I recently purchased a very expensive system, and am NOT willing to change it anytime in the next 10 years. In fact, I bought such an expensive, advanced system just for that purpose. I had my last system for 15 years, and WILL NOT be investing again soon. I would sooner not watch, than be forced into this against my will.

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Dear Michael Powell,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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